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a remote control unit capable of communicating with the controller while the bather remains in the tub but not being physically connected to the controller and electrically isolated from the controller power supply.

14. (Amended) An air bubble massage bathtub mat for an air bubble massage system that provides compressed air to the mat when the mat is disposed in a bathtub comprising:

a flexible member having at least two layers defining a plurality of air passages;

a receptacle through which the compressed air is provided to the air passages;

a plurality of air holes formed in the air passages through which compressed air is emitted from the air passages into the bathtub; and

a plurality of flexible blocks secured between the layers defining the plurality of air passages at spaced locations adjacent the air passages and sealed between the layers to prevent water contact with the blocks.

20. (Amended) An air bubble massage bathtub mat for an air bubble massage system that provides compressed air to the mat, comprising:

a flexible member having at least two layers defining a plurality of air passages; a receptacle through which the compressed air is provided to the air passages;

a plurality of air holes formed in the air passages through which compressed air is emitted from the air passages; and

at least one foam member sandwiched and sealed between the layers defining the plurality of air passages to prevent water contact with the foam member.